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(*b*) the steps, if any, taken to fill up the vacancies?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) To meet the immediate requirements, retired Government and Local Fund Medical Officers and private medical practitioners are appointed on a temporary basis for one year at a time for being posted to Primary Health Centres.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Apart from the filling up of the vacancies referred to in clause (*b*), will the Hon. Minister tell us what special steps are being taken to get over the dearth of medical officers in Government service?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We have raised the compensatory allowance for doctors serving in Primary Health Centres from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100, and also we hope that the situation will ease probably within a short time, as more and more medical graduates will be available.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Is there any proposal for compulsory rural service being enforced in the case of medical graduates?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No. There is no such proposal.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note* **An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speach indicates revision by the Member].**

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) MODIFICATION OF DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : In modification of the programme of business approved by the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 21st March 1960, it is now decided that the Legislative Council will adjourn on the 25th March 1960, to meet again at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 22nd April 1960, and continue to sit till 28th April 1960.

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1960-61—*cont.*

* DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, the present Budget of the Madras Government is a mere reflection of the Central Budget. A perusal of the economic classification of the Budget given to the Members shows that the Government of Madras are subsisting on the grants and subventions and the percentages given . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Is the hon. Member reading from a paper?

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I took the permission of the Hon. Chairman to read my speech.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix III on page 540 infra.**